

CLAIMS

1. A facsimile apparatus comprising:

an operation panel arranged in an upper front position of an apparatus main body;

5 a display unit which is closably arranged to said operation panel, located in an upper and rear position of said operation panel upon opening, and overlaid onto said operation panel upon closing;

a document inserting port, arranged in a rear position of said opened display unit of the upper portion of the apparatus main body, for inserting a document; and

a recording paper inserting port, arranged in a rear position of said opened display unit of the upper portion of the apparatus main body, for inserting recording paper.

2. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said display unit is rotated around a rotational center portion as a fulcrum provided for the rear portion of said operation panel, so that it is opened or closed to said operation panel.

3. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein an opening angle of said display unit is variable.

4. An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a first display apparatus arranged on a first surface of said display unit; and

a second display apparatus arranged on a second surface of said display unit opposite to said first surface,

and wherein when said display unit is opened,
5 said first display apparatus is exposed and said second display apparatus is hidden from a user, and when said display unit is closed, said first display apparatus is hidden and said second display apparatus is exposed to the user.

10 5. An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein a first button group and a second button group are arranged on said operation panel, when said display unit is closed, said first button group is hidden and said second button group is exposed to the user, and
15 when said display unit is opened, both of said first button group and said second button group are exposed to the user.

6. An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said first button group is buttons regarding the
20 operation of contents which are displayed to said first display apparatus and said second button group is buttons by which the operation can be executed only by displaying onto said second display apparatus without displaying onto said first display apparatus.

25 7. An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein a third button group is arranged in an area out of an area of said first display apparatus of said first

surface, the user is notified of functions of said third button group by displaying onto said first display apparatus, and the functions of said third button group are changed due to a change in contents
5 displayed to said first display apparatus.

8. An apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising detecting means for detecting opening/closure of said display unit,

wherein when said display unit is opened, said
10 first display apparatus is set to a display mode and said second display apparatus is set to a non-display mode, and when said display unit is closed, said first display apparatus is set to the non-display mode and said second display apparatus is set to the
15 display mode.